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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON NATO TASK FORCE NUMBER 6 DRAFT
REPORT

REF: SHAPE LETTER 2309.2/1-10/78, JANUARY 16, 1978

1. IN GENERAL, WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH DRAFT REPORT
OF C3 TASK FORCE. FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS
ARE MERELY DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE REPORT AND MAKE
ITS KEY ISSUES MORE READILY VISIBLE FOR THE HIGH LEVEL
DECISION MAKERS WHO WILL REVIEW IT. PROVIDED YOU HAVE
NO OBJECTION, US COMMENTS IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SHOULD
BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DIRECTOR, TASK FORCE NUMBER 6.
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2. TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE LIMITED NUMBER OF KEY
ISSUES REQUIRING MINISTERIAL DECISIONS, AN
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY IS ESSENTIAL. TO BE READILY
ASSIMILATED BY NON-TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, SUMMARY MUST
BE COUCHED IN LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE, CLEARLY ESTABLISH
A NEED FOR THE PROJECT, PROVIDE A CONCISE DESCRIPTION,
AND IDENTIFY PRIORITIES. THEN, FOR EACH PROJECT, BODY
OF REPORT SHOULD INDICATE COSTING BY COUNTRY AND TIME
PERIOD. ALL COST ESTIMATES SHOULD IDENTIFY TOTAL COST

AS WELL AS "UNPROGRAMMED" COST, I.E. COSTS NOT YET INCLUDED IN PROJECTED COUNTRY BUDGETS. WE ALSO SUGGEST THE INCLUSION OF SUMMARY CHARTS/TABLES AS FOLLOWS: (A) ESTIMATED COST TO BE FUNDED BY NATO INFRASTRUCTURE (SIMILAR TO FIGURE 17), AND (B) COST FOR ALL PROJECTS COMBINED, BROKEN OUT BY COUNTRY. THE REPORT SHOULD INDICATE WHAT PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PROJECTED NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING, AT VARIOUS POSSIBLE LEVELS, WOULD BE NEEDED TO FUND THE C3 TASK FORCE PROPOSALS THAT ARE RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. FOR THIS LATTER ESTIMATE, ASSUMPTIONS SHOULD BE MADE CONCERNING PROJECTED SIZE OF FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS.

3. THE BALANCE OF THE REPORT WOULD INCLUDE A SERIES OF TABS SUPPORTING EACH OF THE INITIATIVES IN THE SUMMARY; E.G. SECTIONS I THROUGH III OF THE REPORT SHOULD BE DELETED.

4. OUR COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE OF REPORT FOLLOW:

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A. MUCH IS RIGHTLY MADE OF THE NEED FOR INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND BETWEEN LONG-HAUL AND TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. FORMULATION OF A NATO POLICY ON THE INTERCONNECTION OF NATO AND NATIONAL SWITCHED SYSTEMS IS A MUST. A COMMON NATIONAL AND NATO SPACE SEGMENT WOULD PROVIDE FOR COMMON SPARES AND CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS. THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE TAB ON STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS.

B. THERE IS A LACK OF FOCUS IN THE REPORT ON THE COMSEC INTEROPERABILITY PROBLEM. THOUGH THE PROBLEM IS BRIEFLY MENTIONED UNDER THE STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, IT HAS BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE TACTICAL PORTIONS. TO INSURE SECURE COMMUNICATIONS, REPORT SHOULD CALL FOR A FAMILY OF INTEROPERABLE COMSEC EQUIPMENT THROUGHOUT NATO (TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC), WHENEVER THE NEED FOR INTEROPERABILITY IS FORESEEN.

C. WE NOTE THAT REPORT CALLS FOR TWO SEPARATE COMMONLY FUNDED RADIO RELAY SYSTEMS. IN CASE OF PROPOSED RADIO RELAY PROGRAMS FOR CENTRAL REGION AND IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS FOR SOUTHERN REGION, WE BELIEVE THAT IF APPROVED, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ACQUISITION

AND MANAGEMENT BY NICSMA.

D. AGAIN, WHERE MENTION IS MADE OF THE ACE STRIKFLTANT

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (WHITE FOX) AND THE REGIONAL INTEGRATED MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (RIMCS), THE INTERCONNECTION WITH AND USE OF NICS SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED.

E. WE AGREE WITH TASK FORCE NUMBER 6 APPROACH TO RESOLUTION OF TACTICAL TRUNK COMMUNICATION SYSTEM ISSUE. ACCELERATION OF INTEROPERABILITY TO 1985 IS CONFIDENTIAL

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A U.S. OBJECTIVE. HOWEVER, IF NATIONS REFUSE TO EXPEDITE FOC OF THEIR SYSTEMS TO 1985 OR IF BELGIUM AND FRG FAIL TO PROCURE NECESSARY INTERFACES TO INTEROPERATE IN A DIGITAL MODE, THEN WE BELIEVE U.S. OPTION OF A HYBRID SWITCH OVERLAY MUST BE CONSIDERED ALONG WITH OTHER PROPOSALS DEVELOPED BY THE TSGCEE WORKING GROUP.

F. THE PROVISION OF A DATA CAPABILITY BY PTT ADMINISTRATIONS (PROPOSED PAGE 60) IS PROBLEMATICAL BETWEEN REQUIRED NATO LOCATIONS. IN FACT, NATO HAS FREQUENTLY AUTHORIZED FUNDING TO EXTEND THE PTT FACILITIES, FACILITIES THAT ARE SUBSEQUENTLY OPERATED AS PART OF PTT NETWORK. IN THIS INSTANCE, WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE NATO OWNED CAPABILITY EXPANDED AS NECESSARY, TO MEET NEED FOR DATA TRANSMISSION.

G. CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED OF STATEMENT ON HARDENING OF TARE AND IVSN SWITCHES (PAGE 67 AND 69). NATO AGREED SOME TIME AGO TO HARDEN NICS FACILITIES TO SAME DEGREE AS ASSOCIATED HEADQUARTERS. FOR EXAMPLE, SACLAN HQ IS NOT HARDENED - NEITHER IS ASSOCIATED TARE/IVSN FACILITY.

H. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT THE WWMCCS ADP SHOULD BE USED AS THE BASELINE AND BASIS FOR COST COMPARISONS FOR VARIATIONS FROM THE STANDARD SYSTEMS, WE DO NOT CONSIDER NATIONAL COMMENTS ON PAGES 10 AND 11 AS APPROPRIATE AND THEY SHOULD BE DELETED.

I. TO REMOVE THE APPEARANCE OF SUBJECTIVITY IN THE COMMAND AND CONTROL AREA, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SUMMARIZE PRESENT SYSTEM DEFICIENCIES IN ADDITION
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TO REFERENCING PREVIOUS STUDIES.

J. SINCE SOME ADP SYSTEMS APPEAR TO BE INCLUDED IN BOTH INITIATIVES, IT ALSO WOULD BE USEFUL TO CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AIR COMMAND AND CONTROL

AND THE TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC ADP SYSTEMS.

K. UNDER TACTICAL ADP, THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS INITIATIVE TO BRING ABOUT INTEROPERABILITY AMONG TACTICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS INCLUDES A STRATEGIC PART. THE INITIATIVE SHOULD BE CLARIFIED TO INSURE THAT THE INTENDED INTEROPERABILITY IS DIRECTED TO THE PSC TO NATIONAL SYSTEM INTERFACE.

L. NATIONS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THEIR TACTICAL ADP SYSTEMS AND THEIR INTENDED USE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM UNDER "SPECIFIC ACTIONS REQUIRED."

M.. WE AGREE THAT THE COSTS TO INTERFACE THE NATO SYSTEMS WITH NATIONAL TACTICAL ADP SYSTEMS AND TO INTERFACE TACTICAL SYSTEMS OF ONE NATION WITH THOSE OF ANOTHER NATION SHOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF NATO, BUT ONLY WHERE BUFFERS ARE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE INTER-OPERABILITY. THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TASK CANNOT BE EVALUATED SINCE THE ASSUMPTIONS USED TO COMPILE THE COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPORT. ALSO THE COSTS ALLOCATED FOR INTERFACE BETWEEN SYSTEMS OF A SINGLE NATION APPEAR LOW. SO THAT WE CAN ACCURATELY EVALUATE COSTS, ASSUMPTIONS USED BY THE TASK FORCE SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

N. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, COST ARE LISTED FOR C3 INITIATIVES IN THE MARITIME AND AIR DEFENSE AREAS. THE REPORT SHOULD INDICATE WHETHER THESE COSTS ARE OR ARE NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAMS.
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O. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO EXPAND THE SECTIONS ON RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE RELATIONSHIP OF NATO AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS.

P. THE RATIONALE FOR ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. EXISTING SOURCE DOCUMENTATION OR POLICY (E.G., MNC FLEXIBILITY STUDIES) SHOULD BE CITED WHERE POSSIBLE.

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